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Principal's Message for Newsletter

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Autumn has arrived very quickly this year, and it seems that almost overnight the temperature has dropped, the colours are changing and the air has the crisp fall feel. October has always been one of my favourite months in a school, because the students are settling into a smooth rhythm but the freshness of the new year still prevails. It makes sense that Thanksgiving is this weekend, because we feel we have so much to be thankful for.

Our now-annual musical production, *Autumnfest*, will be a virtual event this year but we can be certain it will be wonderful. Mr. McLaren has been recording highlights in the music classes for several weeks, and will be presenting the concert on Zoom **next Friday, October 16th at 10:30 am**. Ms Walli has kindly offered to organize the Zoom invitations to parents and will be sending them next week. We hope to 'see' you there!

There are several other significant dates to place on your calendars:

Tuesday, October 13th is a non-instructional day and **school is not in session for students**. Staff will spend the day collaborating among themselves to draft each student's IEP. Thank you for returning the parent questionnaires so that we have your initial input into the process.

Friday, October 23rd is a province-wide Professional Day and **school is not in session for students**. Our staff has decided that rather than participating in external workshops, we will focus on our School Professional Growth plan. We have identified the areas we believe will help us to better support the diverse needs of our students, and will focus the day on strategies to strengthen students' mental health.

On Monday, October 26th, parents will be invited to meet virtually with their child's classroom teachers to plan their IEP goals for the year.

We hope you enjoy a lovely long weekend, and a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Warm regards,

Lynn

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that we have serious food allergies among our students, and for their safety, all of Choice School is EGG FREE AND NUT FREE. Parents are reminded that the following products contain eggs and MUST NOT to be brought to school:

- Mayonnaise
- Ranch dressing
- Hard boiled egg
- Egg salad
- Egg fried rice
- Caesar salad dressing
- Protein powder
- Egg noodles
- Alfredo and other creamy sauces

If parents have any questions about the safety of a food product, Mary Tran (Logan's mum) is happy to speak with them.

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30, all of Choice wore orange to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. By doing so, we expressed our support for Canada's Indigenous people and our awareness of their historical struggles.



Please enjoy these photos of our students engaged in creative learning and play.









PIC•COLLAGE

HERE COMES THE RAIN AGAIN



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL AUTUMNFEST**



**OCTOBER 16 @ 10:30AM VIA ZOOM
PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR THE ZOOM
INVITATION**

Holiday Art from Artsonia Giftshop!!!!

Hello! The holidays are coming! You may wish to order special items from Artsonia as gifts. Please read the information below to help you with your holiday ordering.

Artsonia is the **World's Largest Student Art Museum.**

<https://www.artsonia.com/gifts/products/>

Yet it's so much more than that! It's a free, safe, educational program designed to connect parents and families with their child's creative activities at school. Every student will have their artwork in Artsonia if you choose to grant permission to have it posted. Your child's last name is NEVER posted. After I post artwork on Artsonia they

will contact you to give permission to post it onto their website. Every time after that it will automatically be posted or kept private. It is a very safe secure website that we have been using for quite a few years. If you purchase their products Choice School is rewarded 20% which I use to purchase more art supplies. **Thank-you for your support!**

Connect to your child's account on Artsonia, and then you can ...



View your Child's Artworks

New artwork is often uploaded by your child's art teacher at school, but you can also upload artworks [with your smartphone](#) that may be sitting around the house!



Start a Fan Club

Invite family and friends to join your child's official "Fan Club" so they can receive notification when new artwork is posted.



Approve Comments

Friends and family can leave positive comments about your child's artwork. Review and approve these comments so they can be posted on your child's gallery.



Get Feedback from the Teacher

Teachers may enter feedback or assessment of your child's artwork that is privately viewable by parents.



Support the Arts Program

You may purchase high-quality [custom keepsakes](#) with your child's art. The school arts program receives 20% of your purchase towards art materials and other supplies.

Questions may be directed to info@artsonia.com Please visit our Artsonia site often for photo updates!!!!

Thanking you in advance for supporting our art program! Ms. Cathy - Art Teacher @ Choice School

Important Dates to Remember

October 12	Thanksgiving Day
October 13	Non-Instructional Day (classes not in session)
October 16	Autumnfest via Zoom 10:30 am (stay tuned for your Zoom invite)
October 23	Provincial Pro-D Day (classes not in session)
October 26	Non-Instructional Day (classes not in session, IEP Meetings with parents via Zoom)
October 29	Individual Photo Day 9:00 am (please make sure your child is in full clean uniform)
November 6	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:30am-10:30am
November 9 — 13	Reading Week (school is closed)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 23	Virtual Open House 9:00am—11:00am



September Birthdays

Wyatt Sept. 13

Liam Sept. 18

Charlie Sept. 25

October Birthdays

Niki Oct. 4

Keira Oct. 19

Ethan Oct. 21

Elai Oct. 27



November Birthdays

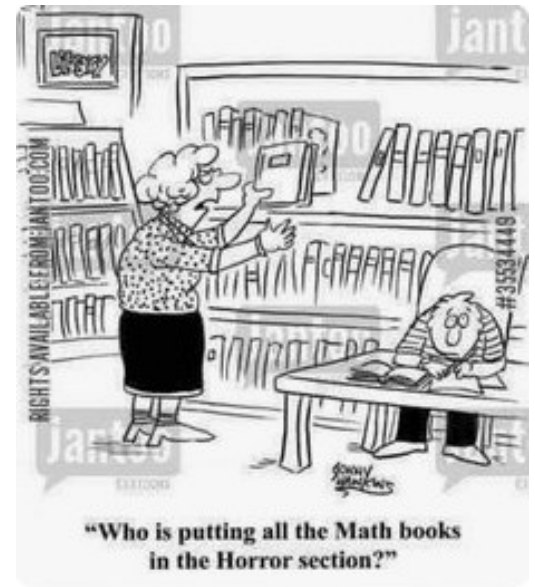
Livia November 3

Nathan W. November 6

Brendan November 16

Kayden Z. November 24

The Sunday Funnies



Stuff Kids Do

